



Minutes from SSA #26 Commission Meeting – May 20, 2015

Location: Edgewater Chamber of Commerce

1210 W. Rosedale, Chicago, IL, 60660

Purpose of Meeting: SSA #26 Commission Meeting

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Jill Metz, Jill Metz Law,
Chairman

Rae Ann Cecrle, B&R Developers

John Vranas, Vranas Ventures

Helen Cameron, Uncommon Ground

Absent: Tina Travolos-Nihlean, Edgewater
Development Corporation

Jenny Yang, Phoenix Bean Tofu

Staff: Katrina Balog, Executive Director,
Edgewater Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Hackman, Economic Development
Manager, Edgewater

Chamber of Commerce

Public: Patrick Brutus, City of Chicago

Robert Clark, City Colleges of Chicago

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. Adoption of agenda - John moved to adopt the agenda, Rae Ann seconded the motion; motion passed.

3. Approval of October minutes – John moved to approve April minutes, Rae Ann seconded; motion passed.

4. Presentation of financials - Jennifer presented the financials, no action was required.

5. Review of Proposed 2016 SSA Budget – Jennifer presented the draft budget for the commission to review. The baseline of services including snow removal, landscaping, sidewalk cleaning, trash removal, etc. will not change. Proposed new programs leverage the success of many SSA businesses by providing additional advertising and PR services, market research and district positioning. The commission had the following questions/comments:

1. Do we pay for permits for items placed in the public way (planters, trash cans, etc.)? Yes.

2. The Commission requested staff secure a quote for painting all of the light poles in the SSA.

3. The Commission stated all streetscape elements in the SSA should be on a maintenance schedule. The budget should reflect that.

4. The Commission directed staff to pursue JC Decaux bus

shelters with benches on Broadway in the SSA.

5. The Commission suggested staff explore additional holiday decorations on Devon Ave.

6. The Commission would like to review the planting schedule with Patch Landscaping. Specifically, the spring planting should be examined for additional cost savings.

6. Approval of Devon Planter Railing Removal – Jennifer presented two quotes for removing the iron railings on Devon. The Commission directed staff to go with the low bid on the project.

7. Programs and Projects – Jennifer presented updates on programs and projects

a. Landscaping – the summer plantings are going in today and tomorrow

b. New business openings – Whole Foods opened April 29. They have 150 employees at the Edgewater location and the new store sales are the highest of the past eight store openings

C. Bikes – Divvy racks have been installed in Edgewater. The price for the Edgewater bike racks has gone way down allowing us to purchase more than 25 racks. The commission would like to paint the black u-racks in the same Edgewater blue as the custom Edgewater racks

d. SBIF – The Bryn Mawr/Broadway SBIF will open June 11

e. Garage sale – Businesses in the SSA will participate in Edgewater Garage Sale on June 6 by having sidewalk sales in front of their businesses. To date, seven businesses have committed to participate.

8. New Business – There was no new business

9. Public Input – Robert Clark introduced himself and stated he is new to his role at City Colleges and is visiting SSA commissions to better understand what kind of work they are doing.

13. Adjournment – John moved to adjourn the meeting, Helen seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm